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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Masashi OGAWA et al.

Continuation of Appln. No.: 09/125,944

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For: METHOD OF MEASUREMENT OF PROTEASE AND THIN MEMBRANES USED
FOR SAID METHOD

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

--This is a continuation of Application No. 09/125,944, filed February 10, 1999, the
disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference.--

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please enter the following amended claims:

1. (amended) A method for measuring protease which comprises the steps of:

(1) contacting a sample containing protease with a thin membrane which comprises a

protease substrate together with a hardening agent formed on a surface of a support; and

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